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A New Species of the Genus *Nigilgia* Walker (Lepidoptera, Brachodidae) from Sulawesi

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Nigilga WALKER is a small group, including five known species only, i.e., adjectella WALKER, limata DIAKONOFF and ARITA, seyrigella VIETTE, talhouki DIAKONOFF and toulgoetella VIETTE, from the Ethiopian, Oriental and Palaearctic Regions. In the present paper, a new species of the genus is described from a male specimen captured in the island of Sulawesi. This is the first record of the genus from the Australian Region.

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Nigilgia nagaii sp. nov. (Figs. 1-2)

3. 14 mm. Head dark fuscous (imperfect). Orbit lashed with creamy-white hair-scales posteriorly. Collar greyish fuscous. Antenna thickened, dull black. Palpus short, broad, exceedingly stick to face; basal and median segments greyish fuscous, with metallic gloss; terminal segment dark fuscous. Thorax dark fuscous; tegula dark fuscous, posterior hair with metallic greenish bronze. Abdomen glossy greyish fuscous; ventral side white. Fore wing oblong-subtruncate; costa slightly concave in middle, and a little convex at 3/4; apex almost rectangular; termen oblique, straight; dark fuscous, nearly wholly covered densely with oval minute white specks except in



Fig. 1. Adult of Nigilgia nagaii sp. nov., ♂, holotype.

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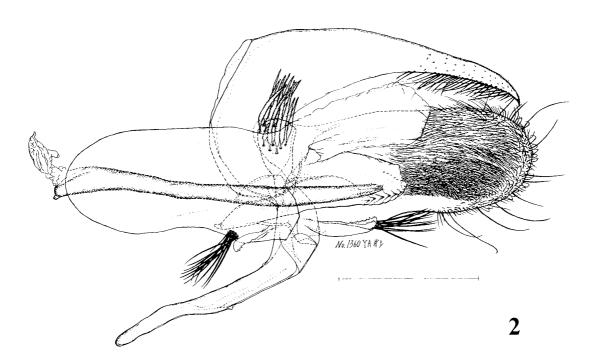


Fig. 2. Male genitalia of Nigilgia nagaii sp. nov., holotype. (Scale line = 1.0 mm.)

basal and subterminal areas; two thick blackish fuscous transverse fasciae: lst one beyond 1/3, outwardly-oblique, edged on both sides with thick coppery-metallic brilliant fascia; the other one at 2/3, Y-shaped, edged with thick coppery-metallic brilliant lines, of which the posterior one extends near apex and does not reach to dorsum, coppery-metallic edge of inner side of Y-shaped upper arms not connected with each other at base; subterminal fascia glossy dark fuscous; cilia glossy dark fuscous. Hind wing fuscous, tinged with crimson gloss towards apex; cillia glossy greyish, with dark basal line, and round apex darker.

Male genitalia (Fig. 2). Uncus+Tegumen moderately narrow, rather long; posterior end acute; posterior 1/3 sparsely set with short hairs and rather long bristles in ventral surface. Vinculum rather long and slender. Saccus very long and slender. Valva oblong-oval, wide at base, apical half densely clothed with hairs; sacculus rather short, extending to 1/3 the length of valva, inner margin of posterior half with small denticles, apex with a tuft of long hairs. Anellus cylindrical, posteriorly with a row of strong teeth in underside. Aedeagus long, slender and rather straight, without cornutus.

우. Unknown.

Holotype, &, Indonesia, C. Sulawesi, Pucak Dingin, (ca. 1300 m), 20. x. 1985, Shinji Nagai leg., genitalia on slide no. 1360 YA, preserved in the collection of Zoological Laboratory, Meijo University, Nagoya.

Host-plant. Unknown.

Remarks. The present species is allied to *N. adjectella* WALKER, but is separated from it by the marking of fore wing, and by the male genitalia with posterior dorsal

surface of tegumen being flat, and not swollen as in *adjectella*. Although similar to *N*. *limata* DIAKONOFF and ARITA in male genitalia, this species is distinct from it.

The specific name is dedicated to Mr. Shinji NAGAI who collected the present species.

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摘要

スラウエシからのNigilgia属の一新種(鱗翅目、ヒロハマキモドキガ科)(有田 豊)

Nigilgia 属は小さな属で、これまでに adjectella WALKER, limata DIAKONOFF and ARITA, seyrigella VIETTE, talhouki DIAKONOFF, toulgoetella VIETTE の5種が東洋区、エチオピア区、旧北区から記録されているにすぎない。この種は、斑紋が adjectella WALKER に似るがる交尾器が顕著に異なる。また、交尾器の形態が limata DIAKONOFF and ARITA によく似ているが明らかに異なる新種である。